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Sam Timmons and John Roush win the 79th WV State Championship

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79th WV State Championship

19 players competed in the 79th WV State Championship, held September 9-10, 2017 at the Shall We Dance Ballroom in Mount Nebo. This was the first championship held in Nicholas County, and we are glad to have had players from 3 states participate in the event. The playing site was offered by Matt and Amanda Barber, who have sponsored the Missing Pieces charity chess tournament for the last 2 years. The site is adjacent to a newer coffee shop and restaurant, which was very convenient for the competitors.

At the 2016 event, the bylaws were changed so that the State Championship could be held any time between August and October and with less than 6 rounds. This was the first event conducted under the new rules. The event was a 5 round Swiss, with a time control of G/90 (round 1 G/60). The lack of a second time control did not appear to detract from the quality of the games and it allowed the tournament to be held in 2 days.

Ted Belanoff, a National Master from New York, won the event with a 4.5/5 score. Ted has relatives from Cabell County and has played previously at the Parkersburg Homecoming. The race for the WV Championship title in the last round was down to five players: Ed Garner, John Roush, Ben Good, Sam Timmons, and Lewis Sanders. Garner drew Belanoff on board 1, leaving the door open to the remaining four to claim their share of the title with a win.

John Roush outlasted Ben Good, while Sam topped Lewis with four pawns for a bishop. John and Sam, both having 4-1, were crowned the new co-champions. This was John's eleventh and Sam's first championship. John is now just one behind Donald Griffith and two behind Siegfried Werthammer for the most championships.

Final Standings:

1st	Ted Belanoff	4.5
2nd-3rd	John Roush, Sam Timmons	4
U1900 1st	Sefus Ellis	3
U1900 2nd-4th	David Hundley, Joseph Craddock, Michael Felton	2
U1600 1st	Omkar Yadav	3
U1600 2nd	David Bruner	2.5
U1300 1st	Charles McCallister	3
U1300 2nd	Surya Perla	2.5

Special Awards:

Ulf Andersson Award – For Exceptional Endgame Play
Sam Timmons (vs. Mike Felton)

Mikhail Tal Award – For Courageous Actions and Questionable Soundness
Sefus Ellis (vs. Daniel Preece)

Upset Prize
Craig Timmons (895 point upset vs. David Hundley)

Select Games from the 79th WV State Championship

Round 1

Belanoff – Craddock Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.g3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Na3 Nc6 5.Bg2 g6 6.Ne2 Bg7 7.O-O O-O 8.Nc2 Qc7 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nexd4 a6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 Bd7 13.Qd2 Ng4 14.h3 Nxe3 15.Nxe3 Kh7 16.Rad1 Rac8 17.Nd5 Qd8 18.Nb3 Ne5 19.Ne3 Nc4 20.Nxc4 Rxc4 21.f4 Rc7 22.Kh2 Qc8 23.Qe3 Ba4 24.Rd2 Bxb3 25.axb3 f5 26.exf5 gxf5 27.Bd5 Rf6 28.Re1 e6 29.Bxe6 Qf8 30.Qd3 Kh8 31.Rde2 Re7 32.Bd7 Rff7 33.Rxe7 Rxe7 34.Rxe7 Qxe7 35.Bxf5 Qe1 36.Qe4 Qxe4 37.Bxe4 b6 38.Kg2 Kg8 39.Bd5+ Kf8 40.Kf3 Ke7 41.Ke4 Kf6 42.Bc4 b5 43.Be2 Ke7 44.Kd5 b4 (Remaining moves missing) 1-0

Perla – Butcher English Opening

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 O-O 6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 Bg4 8.O-O Qd7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Qd2 a6 11.Rfe1 Bh3 12.Bh6 Ne7 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.a3 Rh8 15.f4 h5 16.Nd5 Nexd5 17.exd5 h4 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Qe3 hxg3 20.Qxg3 Bxg2 21.Qxg2 Rh3 22.Kf2 Qf5+ 23.Kg1 Rah8 24.Ng3 Qxd3 25.Qf1 Qd4+ 26.Qf2 Qxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Rxh2+ 28.Kf3 Rxb2 29.c5 Rhh2 30.Rxe5 Rhf2+ 31.Ke3 Ng4+ 32.Ke4 Nxe5 33.Kxe5 Rf3 34.Ne4 f6+ 35.Kd4 Rbb3 36.d6 cxd6 37.Nxd6 Rf4+ 38.Kd5 Rd3+ 39.Ke6 Rb3 40. Kd5 g5 41.Ne8+ Kg6 42.a4 g4 43.a5 g3 44.c6 bxc6+ 45.Kxc6 g2 46.Rg1 Rg4 47.Nc7 Rf3 48.Nxa6 Kg5 49.Nc5 Rf1 50.Rxg2 Rxg2 51.a6 Ra1 52.Kb6 Rga2 53.Kb7 f5 54.Nb3 Rxa6 55.Nxa1 Rxa1 56.Kc6 Rd1 57.Kc5 f4 58.Kc4 f3 59.Kc3 f2 60.Kc2 Rd8 0-1

Timmons, S – Bruner English Opening

1.Nf3 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.c4 c5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.O-O d6 7.d4 Nxd4 8.Nxd4 cxd4 9.Qxd4 O-O 10.Qd3 Rb8 11.Be3 b6 12.Rab1 Bf5 13.Ne4 Bxe4 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Qe8 16.b3 Rc8 17.Qb7 Ra8 18.Rfd1 Bc3 19.Rd3 Bg7 20.h4 f5 21.Rbd1 Qf7 22.Bf4 e5 23.Qxf7+ Kxf7 24.Bc1 Rfd8 25.Rxd6 Bf6 26.Rxf6+ Kxf6 27.Bg5+ 1-0

Round 2

Butcher – Belanoff Grunfeld Defense

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.e5 Nc6 9.Be3 Qa5 10.Qd2 O-O 11.Ne2 Rd8 12.f4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Bg4 15.Rhd1 Rac8 16.Bb3 g5 17.g3 e6 18.Rac1 Bf8 19.Ke1 Ba3 20.Rc4 b5 21.Rcc1 Bxc1 22.Rxc1 Bxe2 23.Rxc6 Rxc6 24.Kxe2 gxf4 25.gxf4 a5 26.Kd3 a4 27.Bd1 Rdc8 28.Bd2 Kg7 29.a3 Kg6 30.Ke4 Rc3 31.Bxc3 Rxc3 32.Be2 b4 33.axb4 a3 0-1

Good – Timmons, S Vienna Opening

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 O-O 5.f4 d6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Na4 Bb4+ 8.c3 Ba5 9.b4 Bb6 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 exf4 13.Bxf4 Nc6 14.Bb3 d5 15.e5 Re8 16.d4 Ne4 17.O-O Rf8 18.Rae1 b5 19.Rxe4 dxe4 20.Qxe4 Qh4 21.g3 Qxh3 22.Rf2 Qg4 23.Bc2 g6 24.Bb1 Ra3 25.Qe1 Ne7 26.Be4 c6 27.Bf3 Qe6 28.Bc1 Ra6 29.Rh2 f6 30.Re2 f5 31.Rh2 Qc4 32.Qd2 f4 33.gxf4 Nf5 34.Bd1 Rfa8 35.Bb3 Rxa2 36.Bxc4+ 1-0

Ellis – Roush English Opening

1.e4 e5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be2 Nge7 6.d3 d6 7.O-O O-O 8.a3 f5 9.b4 Nd4 10.Rb1 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 f4 12.Bb2 h6 13.Ne1 f3 14.Qe3 fxe2 15.Nxe2 g5 16.h4 Ng6 17.hxe2 hxe2 18.Rfd1 Bg4 19.Rd2 Rf3 20.Qe1 Nf4

21.Ne3 Qd7 22.Ne2 Nh3+ 23.Kf1 Raf8 24.Ng1 Nxg1 25.Kxg1 Bh3 26.Kh2 R8f4 27.Qg1 Bf6 28.Nd5 Rg4 29.Qd1 Qh7 0-1

Round 3

Belanoff – Good

Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 e6 4.Nc3 Nge7 5.Nge2 g6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 a6 8.Be3 Bg7 9.O-O O-O 10.Qd2 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Nc6 12.Bc5 Re8 13.Rad1 Qa5 14.Be3 Ne5 15.Qe2 b5 16.Bd4 b4 17.Nb1 Qxa2 18.Nd2 Nc6 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Nc4 d5 21.exd5 Na5 22.Qe5+ Kg8 23.Ne3 Nc4 24.Qc7 Nxe3 25.fxe3 Qa4 26.Rxf7 1-0

Roush – Garner

Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.O-O e5 9.Nde2 d6 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Ne7 13.Kh1 Ng6 14.f4 h6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.f5 Ne7 17.Nc3 h5 18.Ne4 Bg7 19.c4 Nc8 20.Rc1 Ke7 21.b4 b6 22.c5 Qd7 23.cxd6+ Nxd6 24.Nxd6 Qxd6 25.Rc6 Qxb4 26.d6+ Kd8 27.Qd5 Rf8 28.Rc7 Rc8 29.Qc6 1-0

McCallister – Ellis

English Opening

Oops, I forgot about that!

1.c4 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nc3 d6 5.Nf3 g6 6.a3 Bg7 7.Rb1 a5 8.d3 O-O 9.O-O Bd7 10.Bd2 Qc8 11.Qc1 Re8 12.Nb5 Ng4 13.h3 Nge5 14.Kh2 Bf5 15.Bc3 Nxd3 16.exd3 Bxd3 17.Bxg7 Bxb1 18.Qh6 f6 19.Nh4 Bf5 20.Bd5+ e6 21.Nxd6 Qd7 22.Nhxf5 gxf5 23.Nxe8 Rxe8 24.Qxf6 exd5 25.cxd5 Nd4 26.Bh6 Qf7 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.Qf4 Qxd5 29.f3 Rg8 30.Bg5 Qe6 31.Rf2 h6 32.Bxh6 Qe7 33.Kg2 Kh7 34.Qd2 Re8 35.Qg5 Qe6 36.Qg7# 1-0

Timmons, C – Hundley Irregular Opening

1.e4 d5 2.d3 dxe4 3.dxe4 Qxd1+ 4.Kxd1 Bg4+ 5.f3 Bh5 6.g4 Bg6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 Rd8 9.Nd2 a6 10.a3 h6 11.Ne2 Ne5 12.Nf4 Bh7 13.Nd5 Rd7 14.Bd4 Nxd3 15.cxd3 c6 16.Bb6 cxd5 17.Rc1 f6 18.e5 fxe5 19.Re1 g5 20.Rxe5 Bg7 21.Rc8+ Kf7 22.Re3 Bxb2 23.f4 Bg7 24.fxg5 hxg5 25.Rf3+ Kg6 26.d4 Nf6 27.Rg3 Rxc8 28.Nf3 Rc6 29.Ne5+ Kh6 30.Rh3+ Nh5 31.Rxh5# 1-0

Round 4

Good – Sanders

Scotch Opening

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e5 3.Nf3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.dxe5 Qxd1+ 6.Kxd1 Bg4 7.Bf4 Nge7 8.Bb5 O-O-O+ 9.Nd2 Nd4 10.Be2 Nxe2 11.Kxe2 Ng6 12.Bg3 Re8 13.Kf1 Be7 14.h3 Bd7 15.Re1 Bd8 16.Nd4 Re7 17.f4 Rhe8 18.Nc4 f6 19.e6 Bxe6 20.Rxe6 Rxe6 21.Nxe6 Rxe6 22.f5 Re4 23.fxg6 hxg6 24.Nd2 Rd4 25.Ke2 Be7 26.Re1 b6 27.Nf3 Rd5 28.Rd1 Rb5 29.b3 g5 30.Nd4 Rc5 31.c4 f5 32.Nb5 f4 33.Bf2 Re5+ 34.Kf3 a6 35.Nc3 Kb7 36.Re1 Rxe1 37.Bxe1 c6 38.Ne4 Kc7 39.Kg4 Kd7 40.Nxg5 Kd6 41.Kxf4 b5 42.Ne4+ Ke6 43.Bc3 g6 44.g3 c5 45.Ba5 Kd7 46.Ke5 Kc6 47.Ke6 Bf8 48.Bd2 bxc4 49.bxc4 Bg7 50.Kf7 1-0

Roush – Belanoff

Ruy Lopez

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Bc5 6.c3 Qf6 7.d3 Nge7 8.Be3 d6 9.Nbd2 h6 10.Nf1 g5 11.Bxc5 dxc5 12.Ne3 Be6 13.Qe2 Ng6 14.Bd5 Bd7 15.g3 Rb8 16.Kd2 Nce7 17.Bb3 c4 18.dxc4 bxc4 19.Nxc4 Bg4 20.Bd1 Rd8+ 21.Kc1 Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1 Bxf3 23.Qa4+ Kf8 24.Re1 Kg7 25.Qc2 Rd8 26.b3 Nc8 27.Kb2 Nb6 28.Ne3 Ne7 29.Rac1 Qc6 30.Nf1 Qb5 31.Ka1 a5 32.Nd2 Bg4 33.f3 Be6 34.a4 Qc5 35.Nb1 Nc6 36.f4 f6 37.fxg5 hxg5 38.Rf1 Qe7 39.Rf2 Nd7 40.c4 Nd4 0-1

Ellis – Preece

Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e6 4.f4 d6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.d3 Be7 7.Be2 a6 8.O-O Bd7 9.b3 Nd4 10.Bb2 O-O 11.Qd2 b5
12.Nxd4 b4 13.Nxe6 bxc3 14.Bxc3 fxe6 15.Ba5 Qc8 16.Bf3 e5 17.f5 Kh8 18.Rad1 Bd8 19.Bc3 Ng8 20.Qc1
Ne7 21.b4 Nc6 22.bxc5 dxc5 23.Qd2 Nd4 24.Bxd4 cxd4 25.Rb1 Rb8 26.Rb2 Bg5 27.Rxb8 Be3+ 28.Qxe3 Qxb8
29.Qd2 Qd6 30.Qa5 Rb8 31.c5 Qc6 32.Rc1 Qh6 33.Re1 Bb5 34.Qb4 g6
35.a4 a5 36.Qb1 Qd2 37.Rd1 Qe3+ 38.Kh1 Bxa4 39.Qxb8+ Kg7 40.Qxe5+ Kh6 41.Ra1 Bc2 42.f6 Qxd3 43.f7
1-0

Felton – Timmons, S

Grunfeld Defense

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.d4 d5 4.c5 Bg7 5.Nf3 b6 6.b4 O-O 7.Bb2 a5 8.b5 c6 9.a4 Bb7 10.e3 bxc5 11.dxc5 Nbd7
12.Ba3 Qc8 13.Rc1 Rd8 14.b6 Ne4 15.Ne2 e5 16.Qc2 Bf8 17.Qb2 Bg7 18.Ng3 Nxc3 19.hxc3 d4 20.e4 Re8
21.Bd3 Ba6 22.Qd2 Nf6 23.Rh4 Qb7 24.g4 Qc8 25.g5 Nd7 26.Nh2 Nf8 27.f3 Bxd3 28.Qxd3 Ne6 29.Qd2 Qa6
30.g3 Rab8 31.Ng4 d3 32.Kf2 Rf8 33.Nf6+ Bxf6 34.gxf6 h5 35.Qh6 d2 36.
Rd1 Qd3 37.Bb2 Qc2 38.Rxd2 Qxc5+ 39.Kg2 Rfd8 40.Rf2 Rxb6 41.f4 Rxb2 42.Rxb2 Qe3 43.Rf2 Rd2 44.Rxd2
Qxd2+ 45.Kf1 Qd3+ 46.Kf2 Qd2+ 47.Kf1 c5 48.g4 Qd3+ 49.Kf2 Qd2+ 50.Kg1 Qe1+ 51.Kg2 Qxh4 52.f5 Nf4+
53.Kf1 Qxf6 54.gxh5 Qa6+ 55.Kg1 Qe2 56.Qg5 Nh3+ 57.Kh1 Nxc3 0-1

Round 5

Good – Roush

Vienna Opening

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.d3 Na5 5.Nge2 Nxc4 6.dxc4 Bc5 7.Qd3 d6 8.O-O Be6 9.b3 a5 10.Bb2 O-O
11.Rad1 Ne8 12.Na4 Ba7 13.Bxe5 Qg5 14.Bd4 Bxd4 15.Nxd4 Bd7 16.f4 Qe7 17.Nc3 c6 18.a4 Rd8 19.Rde1
Nc7 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.exf5 Qd7 22.f6 gxf6 23.f5 d5 24.Qg3+ Kh8 25.c5 Rg8 26.Qh4 Rg5 27.Qf4 Ne8 28.h4 Rg7
29.Re2 d4 30.Rd1 Nc7 31.Red2 Nd5 32.Nxd5 Qxd5 33.c4 Qe5 34.Qf2 Rg4 35.Re2 Qxc5 36.Rd3 Qd6 37.Qe1
Rdg8 38.Qxa5 Rxh4 39.Rf2 Qh2+ 40.Kf1 Qh1+ 41.Ke2 Re8+ 42.Kf3 Rh3+ 0-1

Sanders - Timmons, S

Scotch Gambit

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.O-O d6 6.Nxd4 Ne5 7.Bb3 Be7 8.f4 Ng6 9.Nc3 O-O 10.Nf5 Nxe4
11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.a3 c6 14.Ne3 d5 15.Qf3 Qd6 16.Kh1 Nh4 17.Qh5 Qd8 18.g3 Ng6 19.Ng4 Be6
20.f5 Nf6 21.Nxf6+ Qxf6 22.Bg5 Qxb2 23.fxe6 fxe6 24.Qe2 e5 25.Bd2 Rxf1+ 26.Rxf1 Qxa3 27.Qf3 Qa6
28.Qf7+ Kh8 29.Qf2 Kg8 30.Qg2 Qb5 31.Ra1 Rf8 32.h4 Qc5 33.Rf1 Rxf1+ 34.Qxf1 Qd4 35.Qe1 Qg4 36.Kh2
e4 37.Bc3 Ne7 38.Qf2 Nf5 39.Be5 e3 40.Qg2 Ne7 41.Bf4 e2 42.Bd2 Ng6 43.Bxd5+ cxd5 44.Qxd5+ Kf8
45.Qc5+ Ne7 46.Qe5 Qf5 47.Qxe2 Qxc2 48.Kh3 a6 49.Qe3 Qc6 50.Qf2+ Qf6 51.Qg1 0-1

Yadav – Felton

Scandinavian Defense

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Bc4 c6 5.Nf3 b5 6.Bb3 e6 7.O-O Qc7 8.d3 Nf6 9.Re1 Bd6 10.h3 Nbd7
11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 g5 13.g4 Bb7 14.Bd4 a6 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Bxh8 Nxf2 17.Kxf2 Bg3+ 18.Kf1 c5 19.Re3 Qf4
20.Qe2 O-O-O 21.Bc3 Bh4 22.Be1 Bxe1 23.Rxe1 e5 24.Qf2 c4 25.dxc4 bxc4 26.Rc3 Bd5 27.Rd1 Be6 28.Ba4
Kb7 29.Bxd7 Rxd7 30.Rxd7+ Bxd7 31.Qe3 Qxe3 32.Rxe3 f6 33.Nd2 Kb6 34.Nxc4+ Kc5 35.Nd2 Bb5+ 36.c4
Bc6 37.Ke2 Kd4 38.Rd3+ Kc5 39.a3 a5 40.Nb3+ Kxc4 41.Nxa5+ Kb5 42.Nxc6 Kxc6 43.b4 1-0

2017 WVCA Business Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2017

Welcome

Secretary-Treasurer Ben Good called the annual WVCA Business Meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 78th Annual WV State Championship tournament.

Secretary-Treasurer Good read the meeting minutes from the 2015 WVCA Business Meeting. Jim Fields moved that the meeting minutes be accepted as read. David Bruner seconded the motion and it passed.

Secretary-Treasurer Good read the financial statement for the period from September 5, 2015 through September 3, 2016. James Fields moved that the financial statement be approved as read. Charles McCallister seconded the motion and it passed.

Old Business

At the previous business meeting, it was noted that 2017 would be the 50th anniversary of the WV Scholastic Championship. After consulting with Charles Szasz, longtime director of the event, it was determined that 2020 will be the 50th anniversary and not 2017.

Webmaster Ben Good explained that the hosting provider for the WVCA website has been moved from GoDaddy to Amazon Web Services. The first year of website hosting is free, and ongoing costs will be less than half of GoDaddy. The domain name service is now 51 cents per month.

The Ripley Chess Club has donated \$250 to the 2016-2017 Grand Prix prize fund and will present it at the end of the 2017 tournament.

New Business

The Ripley Chess Club will donate \$500 to the 2017-2018 Grand Prix prize fund.

Ben Good moved that the WVCA Bylaws be amended to remove bidding requirements for the Junior and Senior championships, clarifying that only the State Championship and Action Championship require a bid, and leaving the organization of the Junior and Senior events up to the discretion of the Scholastic Coordinator and Senior Coordinator.

Specific bylaws changes:

- Item 5, change "The WVCA shall conduct a Junior Championship to be held between September 10 and November 30." to "The WVCA Scholastic Coordinator will organize a Junior Championship every year to be held between September 10 and November 30."
- Item 5, remove "The bid for the Junior tournament is to be separate from that of the State Championship. Bids should be presented at the annual business meeting held before the State Championship."
- Item 10, change "State Championships" to "State Championship and Action Championship"
- Item 10, add "No bids are required for the Junior Championship and Senior Championship."

Craig Timmons seconded the motion and it passed.

Ben Good moved that the WVCA Bylaws be amended to remove the \$10 registration fee for a Grand Prix event and to adjust the prize fund to award \$20 per event to the winner, \$10 per event to second place, and \$5 per event to third place. In lieu of a \$10 fee, a Grand Prix event must be approved by the

board of directors. The State Championship, Action Championship, and Mid-Ohio Valley Open/Parkersburg Homecoming have standing approval.

Specific bylaws changes:

- Replace Item 1, subitem d with "The details of a Grand Prix event must be submitted to the board of directors for approval and inclusion in the Grand Prix cycle. The event must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the event date. The State Championship, Action Championship, and Mid-Ohio Valley Open/Parkersburg Homecoming are excluded from the approval process."
- Remove Item 3b and move 3c to 3b.
- Replace Item 3, subitem a with "1st place shall be awarded \$20 per Grand Prix event. 2nd place shall be awarded \$10 per Grand Prix event. 3rd place shall be awarded \$5 per Grand Prix event."

Craig Timmons seconded the motion and it passed.

The Ripley Chess Club has a tentative agreement with GM Alex Shabalov to hold a chess camp in Spring 2018 at Cedar Lakes. 30 applicants will be accepted. Details will be forwarded to the Scholastic Coordinator.

The Scholastic Coordinator has scheduled a conference call on September 21 with coaches from various schools to discuss ideas for holding scholastic events and to help coaches prepare their teams. There is a concern amongst the coaches for locations, chess coaching, and regular scheduling for their clubs. The Scholastic Coordinator has asked for input on the matter from the membership.

Election of Officers

President

Craig Timmons nominated John Roush, seconded by Charles McCallister.

Charles McCallister moved the nominations be closed. Mike Felton seconded the motion and it passed. There being only one nomination, John Roush was declared elected by acclamation.

Vice President

Charles McCallister nominated Craig Timmons, seconded by Ben Good.

David Hundley moved that the nominations be closed. Sefus Ellis seconded the motion and it passed. There being only one nomination, Craig Timmons was declared elected by acclamation.

Bulletin Editor

Ben Good nominated Vincent Price, seconded by Mike Felton.

Craig Timmons moved that the nominations be closed. Charles McCallister seconded the motion and it passed.

There being only one nomination, Vincent Price was declared elected by acclamation.

At-Large Member

Ben Good nominated David Bruner, seconded by Mike Felton.

David Hundley moved that the nominations be closed. Sefus Ellis seconded the motion and it passed. There being only one nomination, David Bruner was declared elected by acclamation.

Delegates to the USCF

Ben Good nominated Lewis Sanders, seconded by Craig Timmons.

Ben Good nominated Sam Timmons, seconded by Craig Timmons.

Craig Timmons moved that the nominations be closed. Ben Good seconded the motion and it passed. There being only two nominations, Lewis Sanders was declared elected as primary delegate and Sam Timmons as secondary delegate by acclamation.

Bids for 2018 Championship Tournaments

State Championship

Charles McCallister offered Ripley, a 2-day 5-round event, on the weekend of September 8-9, 2018.

Robert Greer offered a yet to be determined site between Clarksburg and Morgantown during August-September 2018, as a 2-day 5-round event with a possible round 1 Friday night option.

Ben Good moved that the bids be closed. Sefus Ellis seconded the motion and it passed. The Ripley bid was accepted by a vote of 11-2.

Action Championship

Ben Good offered Mount Nebo, to be held in conjunction with the Missing Pieces charity event.

David Hundley moved that the bids be closed. Craig Timmons seconded the motion and it passed.

There being only one bid, the Mount Nebo site has been accepted for the 2018 Action Championship.

Appointments

No appointments were made or adjusted.

Dismissal

Sefus Ellis moved that the meeting be adjourned. David Hundley seconded the motion and it passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Good

WVCA Secretary-Treasurer

2017 Financial Report

September 9, 2017

Previous funds available as of September 3, 2016 **\$3,083.81**

Receipts

Regular Memberships	\$489.97
Junior Memberships	\$109.60
Family Memberships	\$20.00
Grand Prix Fees 2016-2017	\$48.82
Savings Account Interest	\$1.59
Total	\$669.98

Disbursements

2015-2016 Grand Prix Award	\$70.00
Website Expenses	\$3.57
USCF Affiliate Fee	\$40.00
WV Business License	\$25.00
Secretary-Treasurer Expenses	\$3.43
Total	\$142.00

Present Funds Available

United Bank Savings Account	\$3,340.11
PayPal	\$271.68
Total	\$3,611.79

Net Increase **\$527.98**

4th WV Senior Championship

The 4th WV Senior Championship was held on December 9-10, 2017, at the Comfort Suites in Bridgeport. The event was announced with separate sections for seniors and “young’uns”, but as in previous years, there were not enough players and the sections were combined. The combined event had 18 players, including three from Pennsylvania, and one each from Ohio and Virginia.

Peter Snow, the competitor from Virginia, won the event with a 4.5/5 score. Ed Garner and David Hines, each with 3.5/5, are the 2017 Senior Champions. The event also welcomed two first-time rated competitors, Theresa Bruner and Paul Hager.

Below are some of the games from the event:

Round 1

Yadav – Timmons, S Ruy Lopez, Marshall Gambit

A battle of the top Young’uns – one who apparently knows the Marshall much better than the other

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 O-O 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.Qf3 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qf6 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Qxd5 Bh3 17.d4 Rae8 18.Be3 Bf4 19.gxf4 Qxf4 20.Nd2 Qc7 21.Qf3 Qd7 22.Qg3 Re6 23.Qxh3 Rg6+ 24.Qg2 Qh3 25.Qxg6 fxg6 26.Kh1 Rf5 27.Rg1 Rh5 28.Bf4 Qf5 29.Bg3 Qc2 30.Nb3 Qxb2 31.Rae1 Rd5 32.Re5 1-0

Roush – Bruner, D Queen’s Gambit

The power of the pawn on the sixth rank

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.e4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Nf3 O-O 8.Bc4 c6 9.O-O Nbd7 10.Re1 Nb6 11.Bb3 Qc7 12.Qe2 Re8 13.Rad1 c5 14.d5 c4 15.Bc2 exd5 16.exd5 Bg4 17.Qd2 Rad8 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.d6 Qd7 20.Qf4 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Be6 22.Rd1 Nc8 23.Ba4 b5 24.Bxb5 Qb7 25.Bxc4 Bxc4 26.Qxc4 Nxd6 27.Qe2 Qe7 28.Qxe7 Bxe7 29.Nd5 Kf8 30.Rc1 Rc8 31.Rxc8+ Nxc8 32.Nxe7 Kxe7 33.Kf1 Kd6 34.Ke2 f6 35.Kd3 Nb6 36.Nd4 Kd5 37.b3 g6 38.Nb5 a5 39.Nc3+ Ke5 40.Nb1 Kd5 41.Nd2 h6 42.Nc4 Nxc4 43.bxc4+ Kc5 44.Kc3 f5 45.h4 g5 46.hxg5 hxg5 47.a3 a4 48.Kd3 f4 49.f3 Kc6 50.Kd4 Kd6 51.c5+ Kc6 52.Kc4 Kc7 53.Kb5 Kb7 54.Kxa4 1-0

Timmons, C – Baker Bishop’s Opening

Craig scores another upset, with a bit of luck

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Bc5 4.Nc3 d6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Qf3 Qxf3 8.Nxf3 c6 9.O-O-O Bxf2 10.Rhf1 Be3+ 11.Kb1 O-O 12.Nh4 Bg4 13.Rde1 Bd2 14.Ng6 Bxe1 15.Nxf8 Bxc3 16.Rxf7 Bc8 (16...d5 decides the game!) 17.Rf3+ Kh8 18.Ng6+ Kh7 19.Nf8+ Kh8 20.Ng6+ Kh7 21.Nf8+ Kh8 22.Ng6+ Kh7 1/2-1/2

Round 2

Bello – Roush King’s Gambit

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bc5 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.d3 Bg4 7.Na4 Qe7 8.Nxc5 dxc5 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nd4 11.Qf2 b5 12.Bb3 c4 13.fxe5 cxb3 14.Qxd4 Nd7 15.axb3 Qxe5 16.Qxe5+ Nxe5 17.Bf4 f6 18.Bxe5 fxe5 19.Ra6 Kd7 20.Ke2 Rhf8 21.Rf1 Rxf1 22.Kxf1 c6 23.Ke2 Kc7 24.b4 Kb7 25.Ra1 Re8 26.c3 Re7 27.g4 Kb6 28.Ke3 Rf7 29.Re1 c5 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.b4+ Kb6 32.d4 exd4+ 33.cxd4 a5 34.bxa5+ Kxa5 35.d5 b4 36.e5 Kb5 37.Ke4 1-0

Garner – Felton

Bird's Opening

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d3 c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 h6 6.O-O Bg4 7.Ne5 h5 8.Nc3 e6 9. Nxc6 bxc6 10.h3 Bf5 11.e4 Bh7 12.e5 Ng8 13.Qxh5 g6 14.Qe2 f5 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Re1 Kd7 17.Na4 Re8 18.Be3 d4 19.Bf2 Bd6 20.Qd2 Qd8 21.c3 Qa5 22.Qc2 dxc3 23.Nxc3 g5 24.fxc5 c4 25.Ne4 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 Qxc5 27.dxc4 Kc7 28.Rg4 Qe7 29.Qa4 Kb7 30.Qxa7+ Kc8 31.Qa8+ Bb8 32.Bxc6 Qc7 33.Qa6+ 1-0

Snow – Yadav

Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Qd2 Ng4 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Bf4 O-O 10.Be2 Nf6 11.Bh6 Bb7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.O-O-O a5 14.h4 c5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.f3 Bc6 18.h5 Rh8 19.h6+ Kf8 20.Qc3 e6 21.Qxc5+ Qe7 22.Qd6 Bd5 23.Bb5 Qxd6 24.exd6 Bxa2 25.b3 Bxb3 26.cxb3 Rc8+ 27.Kb2 Ke8 28. Rc1 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Kd8 30.Ba6 1-0

Reszler – Bruner, T

Queen Pawn

1.d4 Nc6 2.Bf4 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.c4 Bf5 5.a3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 g6 7.Qb3 Na5 8.Bxf7+ Kd7 9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.Bb3 Nh5 11.d5 Nxf4 12.dxc6+ bxc6 13.exf4 Rb8 14.Qd4+ Ke8 15.Qxd8+ Kxd8 16.Nd2 Bh6 17.g3 Bg7 18.Ra2 Re8 19.Ngf3 e5 20.fxe5 Bxe5 21.O-O Bf6 22.Ba4 Rb6 23.b4 Be6 24.Bb3 Bh3 25.Rd1 Kc8 26.Re1 Rd8 27.Nc4 Rb5 28.Rd2 Rbd5 29.Rxd5 Rxd5 30.Na5 Rd3 31.Bd1 Rxa3 32.Nxc6 Bd7 33.b5 Kb7 34. Kg2 Bc3 35.Re3 Bxc6 36.bxc6+ Kxc6 0-1 (Time)

Round 3

Snow – Garner

Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.O-O Nf6 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Nd2 d5 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.f4 Bb7 11.e5 Nd7 12.Nf3 c5 13.c3 c4 14.Bc2 Bc5 15.Nd4 Bxd4 16.Bxd4 O-O 17.Qg4 g6 18.Qh4 Qd8 19.Qh6 Re8 20.Rf3 Qe7 21.Ba4 Red8 22.Bxd7 Rxd7 23.Rh3 f5 24.exf6 Qf8 25.Qxf8+ Rxf8 26.Re1 Re8 27.f5 e5 28.fxc6 hxc6 29.Bxe5 Rf7 30.Rhe3 Bc8 31.Bd4 Rxe3 32.Rxe3 Bf5 33.b4 Rb7 1-0

Hines – Bello

Modern Defense

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 d5 5.Be2 Bg4 6.exd5 cxd5 7.O-O Nc6 8.Be3 e6 9.Qd2 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nge7 11.Nd1 Nf5 12.c3 O-O 13.Bg5 Qd7 14.Ne3 Rac8 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.Rfe1 Rfe8 17.Bh6 1/2-1/2

Round 4

Hines – Snow

Bishop's Opening

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Nc3 d6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Nd5 Be6 8.Ne2 O-O 9.O-O Bxd5 10.Bxd5 Ne7 11.Nc3 c6 12.Bb3 Ng6 13.Ne2 Qb6 14.Ng3 Nf4 15.Nf5 Rad8 16.Qg4 d5 17.exd5 cxd5 18.g3 Ne6 19.Ne3 Qc5 20.Rad1 g6 21.Qf3 d4 22.Qxf6 dxe3 23.fxe3 Qxe3+ 24.Qf2 Qxf2+ 25.Rxf2 Nd4 26.Rdf1 Nxb3 27.axb3 Rd7 1/2-1/2

Garner – Bello

From Gambit

You don't see this opening every day

1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 g5 5.g3 g4 6.Nh4 Ne7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Nxg6 hxg6 9.Qd3 Nc6 10.c3 Bf5 11.e4 Qe7 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.Bf4 Bxf4 14.gxf4 g3 15.hxg3 Rxh1+ 16.Bxh1 g5 17.Nd2 gxf4 18.O-O-O Bg4 19.Rf1 fxc3 20.Qxc3 Bh5 21.d5 Ne5 22.Rf5 1-0

Roush – Felton

Queen’s Indian morphing into a Czech Benoni?

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 b6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 c5 6.d5 e5 7.h3 h6 8.Be3 Bd7 9.Bd3 Na6 10.a3 Nc7 11.b4 Rb8 12.O-O Qc8 13.Ne1 Be7 14.f4 g5 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.d6 Ne6 17.dxe7 Kxe7 18.Nd5+ Nxd5 19.exd5 Nf4 20.Bxf4 gxf4 21.Qh5 f6 22.Ra2 Rg8 23.Kh2 Qf8 24.Nf3 Rg3 25.Nxe5 Rg5 26.Qxg5 hxg5 27.Ng6+ Kf7 28.Nxf8 Rxf8 29.g4 f5 30.Bxf5 Bxf5 31.gxf5 Kf6 32.Re2 Rf7 33.Re6+ Kxf5 34.Rfe1 f3 35.Kg3 Rf6 36.Rxf6+ Kxf6 37.Kxf3 1-0

Round 5

Bruner, D – Baker

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1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e3 Bg4 4.Be2 e6 5.O-O Nf6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.c4 b6 8.b3 Ne7 9.Bb2 c5 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.Ne5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Qc7 13.Ndf3 Ne4 14.Nd3 O-O 15.h3 Ng6 16.Nd2 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 dxc4 18.Qc3 f6 19.Qxc4 Qe7 20.Rac1 Rfc8 21.Ba3 Ne5 22.Nxe5 fxe5 23.Rc2 Rc7 24.Rfc1 Rac8 25.Qg4 1/2-1/2

Garner – Hines

Bird’s Opening

“I’m just ready to go home!”

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.Bg2 O-O 6.c3 c6 7.O-O Nbd7 8.Na3 Re8 9.Nc2 Nf8 10.Ne5 Ng4 11.Nxg4 1/2-1/2

Philip Mike Lewis

Philip “Mike” Lewis, a chess player and former teacher at East Bank High School, passed away in Pensacola, Florida on February 11, 2018.

Obituary from WV Gazette-Mail:

Philip Michael "Mike" Lewis, 73, passed away peacefully in his Pensacola home February 11, 2018. Born in Tacoma, WA, Mike spent his youth and a majority of his adulthood in Kanawha County, WV.

His passion was teaching. Chemistry and Physics were a few of his favorite subjects during his 37-year career at East Bank High School. He was an avid fly-fisherman, enjoyed playing chess, tutoring, and spending time with his family. Later in life, he became a Life Master at duplicate bridge and published three books of poetry. His loss will be felt by many.

Preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Anna; his first wife, Wanda Ashbury; and his brother, Richard.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Guthrie; his son, Paul Joseph Lewis; grandsons, Dakota and Jayden; and his sister, Nancy Dickens.

Comments:

Bob Greer - Lost my first non-scholastic chess match to this gentleman at the 1980 Kanawha Valley Open, unlike others there that day he was helpful and kind considering my inexperience. Rest in peace.

John Roush - One of my old chess buddies, Mike Lewis passed away a week ago. RIP.

49th WV Scholastic Championship

74 players competed in the 49th Annual WV Scholastic Championship, held at the Bridgeport Conference Center.

Vishnu Kasireddy (Capital High) won the High School section with a perfect 4-0. 5 players were tied for second with 3 points. The Capital High School Blue team took first place team honors by 1½ points over George Washington.

Jack Morris (John Adams) won the Middle School section with a perfect 5-0. Ethan Burdette (John Adams) was second at 4.5. John Adams dominated the team scores with a 5.5 point lead over Horace Mann.

Ankit Patiblanda and Aiden Hoeft won the Elementary section with 3.5-0.5, having drawn each other in the final round. Weberwood Elementary took the team title.

Landon Jackson swept the Primary section with a 4-0 score. Mountaineer Montessori had the highest team total.

Results from around the State

2017 WV Junior Championship	9/30/17	Omkar Yadav 3/3
Concord Southern Open	11/18/17	Mike Baker 3.5/4
2017 Fall Open	11/25/17	Sam Timmons 2.5/3
2017 Fall Scholastic	11/25/17	Natasha Rousseau 4/4
Bridgeport Library #11	2/3/18	Ed Garner, Mike Baker, Markle Butcher 2.5/3
Harrison County Championship	3/10/18	Open – Ed Garner, Markle Butcher 3.5/4 High School – Omkar Yadav 4/4 Middle School – Kishan Umeshkumar 4/4 Elementary – Ankit Patiblanda 4/4

Upcoming Events

Mountaineer Open <i>4 round Swiss, G/60 d5 - Open, Collegiate/Scholastic, and Unrated Sections Proceeds after prizes/expenses donated to Empty Bowls of Monongalia County</i>	4/28/18	WVU Mountainlair, Morgantown
Action Championship/Missing Pieces 3 <i>7 round Swiss, G/30 d5</i>	6/2/18	Shall We Dance, Mount Nebo
80 th WV State Championship <i>5 round Swiss</i>	9/8 – 9/9/18	Ripley